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1. WHILE WE HAVE NOT EXPLORED ALL TECHNICALITIES POSSIBLY INVOLVED, WE UNDERSTAND THAT, EXCEPT UNDER MOST UNUSUAL AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, SCIENTIST WOULD NEED TO BE ON STAFF OF AN INSTITUTION IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR NIH GRANT AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR. USUAL RESEARCH PROJECT REQUIRES BASIC INSTITUTIONAL FACILITY AND SUPPORT WHICH NOT PROVIDED BY GRANT. INSTITUTION IS ADMINISTRATIVELY THE GRANTEE AND APPLICATION WOULD BE THROUGH THE INSTITUTION.

2. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC AGE LIMIT FOR FOGARTY FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS ALTHOUGH TEND TO BE GIVEN TO YOUNGER PROMISING SCIENTISTS BECAUSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS CAREER DEVELOPMENT. JAPANESE NOMINATING COMMITTEE UNDER KUNIO YOSHIOKA OF JAPANESE SCIENCE COUNCIL MAY WE ASSUME USE AGE 35
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IN ORDER CONTROL LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR LIMITED

SLOTS.

3. ANOTHER NIH PROGRAM IS VISITING SCIENTIST PROGRAM.
HOWEVER THIS IS BY INVITATION ORIGINATING FROM NIH
SCIENTIST IN WHOSE LAB VISITOR WOULD WORK

4. SINCE INQUIRER HAS PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS HERE AT
NIH/NCI AND/OR ELSEWHERE, HE SHOULD EXPLORE HIS INTERESTS
AND PROPOSAL DIRECTLY WITH THOSE TECHNICAL LEVELS WHERE,
IF MERIT AND UNIQUENESS WARRANT, THEN WHATEVER MECHANISM
IS APPROPRIATE CAN BE INITIATED. KISSINGER

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